



Mayor and Council Meeting Work Session Minutes November 28, 2011 6PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on November 28, 2011 at 6:05PM for the purpose of conducting a regular work session. The meeting was held in the conference room on the second floor at City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

A. Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

B. Roll Call

All members of the governing body were present for the meeting.

C. Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): None.

Deletion(s): None

Postponement(s): None

Tabled Item(s): None.

The Agenda was approved by general consensus.

D. City Manager's Report:

Discussion of the Cell Tour

City Manager, Iris Jessie, followed up with a request by Mayor and Council about the health risks linked to the presence of cell tours in residential areas, in addition to the rental provisions that may be used by other jurisdictions in Clayton County. She communicated that City Engineer, Karl Kelley, had been her primary source in researching the matters. She then yielded the floor to Karl Kelley.

Mr. Kelley advised that there is limited region-specific information on the health impact of cell tours and, "a couple of the (Clayton County jurisdictions) that do (have information) are in the midst of litigation and (are unable) to speak freely." He went on to expound what the consensus is among research groups and various agencies. In this, Mr. Kelley found consensus to be fractured. Mr. Kelley explained that opinions on cell

tour radiation vary within the scientific community: "In some studies...radiation has been proven...to have powerful carcinogens." These carcinogens, "in high powers cause cancer under certain conditions," he added. Different tour construction methods allow for increased levels of prevention from high exposure to carcinogens. Mr. Kelley further noted that because of the dissension in the scientific community on the matter, Mayor and Council could allow the information provided to inform its decision.

Please see exhibit "A": Karl Kelley "Cell Tour Rates/Consultants" presentation.

Mayor Dixon and Mr. Kelley discussed possible alternatives to hiring a consultant, among other cost cutting measures that might benefit the city and increase the probability of hosting a cell tour.

Mayor Dixon invited input from all councilmembers. Councilmember Davis expressed support. Councilmember Stamps-Jones expressed a neutral position. Councilmember Ruffin engaged in further discussion. Councilmember Wallace inquired about some of the outcomes of other counties hosting tours and encouraged further negotiation.

Mayor and Council reached a majority to move forward.

Discussion of the basketball program

City Manager, Iris Jesse, opened the floor to Bryant Anderson, a staff member of Towne Center, to make answer questions regarding the in-house youth basketball program. There were no questions from any councilpersons, with the exception of Councilmember Wallace.

Councilmember Wallace asked Mrs. Jessie what her intentions would be regarding the RFP for overall sports management as well as the basketball program. Mayor Dixon clarified that both programs were separate, with the basketball program being an emergent process, so as to remain on par with the other municipalities that will be hosting basketball programs.

Lonnie Ballard, Assistant City Manager, indicated that existing staff members would be overseeing both the basketball and overall sports programming. Mrs. Jessie indicated that no monies would be requested to operate either program. All referees will be paid from registration fees.

Mayor and Council reached a majority to move forward.

Discussion of the Protocol for the introduction of Initiatives

Mrs. Jessie broached the subject of protocol for the introduction of initiatives, and then opened the floor up to Councilmember Ruffin. Mr. Ruffin iterated that all initiatives should come from councilmembers and not members of staff. Staff members with

initiatives should first approach the city manager. Mayor Dixon emphasized the importance of following protocol with regard to council/staff interaction.

E. Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

Mayor Dixon asked if anyone had any items for the next agenda. There were none offered.

Ms. Camilla Moore proffered Mayor and Council a joint work session with the planning commissioners.

Mayor and Council reached consensus that the session would take place at the first part of 2012, in light of the impending holiday season.

There was consensus to meet on November 28, 2011 and would make a decision about the second meeting in December at a later time.

F. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.